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LETTER DATED 8 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to present my compliments and to draw your attention to the timetable outlined in the agreement reached at Monrovia by the Liberian parties to the Cotonou Agreement, contained in the communiqué of 15 February 1994 (S/1994/187, annex): the commencement of disarmament and the installation of the Liberian National Transitional Government on 7 March 1994. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Justice of the Republic of Liberia, His Honour James G. Bull, administered the oath of office to the following members of the Council of State of the Liberian National Transitional Government on Monday, 7 March, in the City of Monrovia:

His Excellency David Kpomakpor	Chairman
The Honourable Isaac Musa	Vice-Chairman
The Honourable El Mohamed Sherif	
The Honourable Phillip Z. B. Banks	
The Honourable Dexter Tahyor	

The installation ceremony was witnessed by the President of the Republic of Benin, H.E. Nicephore Soglo, current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); the Chief Justice of the Gambia, the Honourable Justice B. A. Omosum; Under-Secretary-General Joseph Verner Reed, Personal Representative of Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr. Baba Gana Kingibe; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, Mr. Ibrahima Sylla; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Amara Essy; Mr. M. A. Maturanga, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs of the Organization of African Unity (OAU); members of the diplomatic corps; other distinguished personalities; and thousands of Liberians.

Since the civil war erupted more than four years ago, the Liberian National Transitional Government is the first unified government in the country and consists of representatives of the parties to the Cotonou agreement of 25 July 1993. Its installation will facilitate the complete disarmament of all combatants, the repatriation of over 700,000 Liberian refugees and the holding of democratic national and presidential elections, under international supervision, scheduled for 7 September 1994.

The Government and people of the Republic of Liberia express their sincerest thanks to the States members of ECOWAS, particularly those countries contributing troops to the ECOWAS Military Observer Group (ECOMOG), for the many sacrifices which they continue to make to achieve a resolution of the Liberian conflict. We also thank the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations for their commitment to the peace process and the provision of humanitarian assistance to the country.

The restoration of peace and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia will require the overwhelming support of the United Nations, international donors and friendly Governments. We appeal to the international community for its continued cooperation and assistance.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) William BULL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative